

March Link

I once heard a conversation, I did not at first understand: Here is the circumstance to ponder. You have to choose between two good baseball players to coach for your team. Both have the same stats- hits, runs, size, speed, etc. The only difference is that one has great form and one has terrible form. Which do you choose to coach for your team?

I was astonished when the answer was the one with terrible form! This did not make any sense to me! But the conversation continued to state that the one with terrible form can be coached to be, not just good, but great when he is taught correctly, and his form has improved- the one with good form had already reached his peak.

Lent is about understanding that, although we may consider ourselves to be good players, we can be coached into becoming great players. We need God's coaching to understand where we can improve our form. We need to let go of bad habits that negatively impact who we are and what we are called to be.

We need to see more clearly the mistakes we are making, how we can be taught to correct those mistakes and that we are losing so much if we settle for just an adequate journey with Christ. We desire a glorious journey.

Lent is a time of change, of movement, of going from what we are to the place where we want to be. It is an opportunity to listen to our ultimate coach and learn. Note that world class athletes still listen to their coaches, still learn, still practice, still improve.

So too our faith journey. We should never settle into complacency. We should never believe we are complete in our journey of faith. There is joy in revisiting and renewing our faith every day. This Holy Season offers us the reminder to grow in faith and to grow in love of Christ.

Take your Lenten Journey to rely on Christ, his teaching and to listen and learn.

In Christ's Love

Pastor Barbara



North Canton Community United Methodist Church

3 Case Street, North Canton



Would like to announce their

“Friday Night Out” St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef Dinner

Chef Ken prepares his famous Corned Beef and Cabbage,
with special mustard sauce on the side.
Potatoes, Onions, Carrots, Soda Bread.
And of course Heavenly Dessert!

**Come and enjoy a night out at our
Friday Night Dinner!**



**March 17, 2023
5:00—7:00 pm**



Adults \$17.00 Seniors \$15.00 Children (6 and under) \$10.00
Takeout Available

**Directions: Corner of Cherry Brook Rd. and Case St.,
about 5 miles north of Route 44/Route 179 intersection.**



Will we ever have another Bean Hole Bean Supper?

Anyone interested in helping to answer this question is invited to attend an exploratory meeting on Sunday, March 19, 2023. We'll meet in the sanctuary after coffee hour.



Yoga for Every Body!

(Women & Men too)

Join Lorna for Yoga on Monday afternoons from 5:30 – 6:30PM here at the Fellowship Hall.

February 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th 27th and April 3rd.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat.

Improve your balance, flexibility, enhance your breathing and body awareness, firm your muscles, learn new ways to relax and restore.

Have Fun!



Coming Soon!

We will have a community book exchange.

We will keep you posted with all the details as they become available.



Our Sunday School children collected money for the Barkhamsted Cookie Jar and the ASPCA. They have donated \$45.00 to each cause.



To date we have raised \$715 for UMCOR #982450 for International Disaster Relief. Of this amount \$138 represents the net proceeds from the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

\$50 was specified for Ukraine and the rest is for Turkey/Syria earthquake recovery.

Gospels for March

March 5: John 3:1-17
 March 12: John 4:5-42
 March 19: John 9:1-41
 March 26: John 11:1-45

March Schedule

March 5 March 12 March 19 March 26	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u> Stephanie & Patty Volunteers needed Volunteers needed Volunteers needed	<u>Ushers</u> Will Wesley & Darlene Slater Dawn Renfrew & Shelley Bailey Steven Shaw & Judy McKay Steve & Barb Bailey
March 5 March 12 March 19 March 26	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u> Karen Dietz Suzanne Gerber Janet LaGrange Jonah Hurley	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Stephanie & Patty Stark Volunteers needed Judy McKay & Dan Hurley Volunteers needed
March 5 March 12 March 19 March 26	<u>Counters</u> Barbara Sherwin & Barb Bailey Steve Bailey & Volunteer Barb Bailey & Jay LaGrange Steve Bailey & John Lundy	<u>Children's Message</u>	

UMCOR SUNDAY– March 19th

Global Ministries, the worldwide mission and development agency of The United Methodist Church, with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), invites churches and individuals to celebrate UMCOR Sunday on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

UMCOR Sunday is one of The United Methodist Church's Special Sundays. Special Sundays are designated Sundays each year that deepen the connection between the local church and ministries globally. Individuals and congregations are encouraged to give to support the church's collective work with an offering.

100% of gifts to Global Ministries and UMCOR share the love of God with those in need

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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 10:00AM Bible Study	2 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	3	4
5 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30AM Trustees Meeting	6 5:30–6:30PM Yoga with Lorna	7 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	8 10:00AM Bible Study	9 6:45PM AA	10	11
12 10:00AM Worship Service 11:30AM Mary and Martha's meeting 	13 5:30–6:30PM Yoga with Lorna 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	14 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	15 10:00AM Bible Study	16 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	17 	18
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26 10:00AM Worship Service	27 5:30–6:30PM Yoga with Lorna 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	28 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	29	30 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank	31	

Hello Spring



March Announcements

The March/April issue of The Upper Room is available. They are on the Besse Table in the Narthex.

If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital in need of a visit, please call either Pastor Barbara or the Church office to schedule a visit. Because of privacy laws, hospitals can no longer give out this information.

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:30AM to 1:00PM, or by appointment.

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